Political Murders in **Andhra Pradesh**

1338. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that political murders in some of the States, especially in Andhra Pradesh are on the rise after the assembly Elections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the law and order in the State of Andhra Pradesh is deteriorating from bad to worse during the last eight months, particularly in Ananthapur district;

(c) if so, whether any advice has been given by the Union Government in this regard to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that during the current year so far, the political/faction related violence in the State has claimed 63 lives including 42 lives after 13/5/2004.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that law and order situation is well under control. However, faction/political related killings have increased in Ananthapur district in recent months.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Abduction for Extortion

1339. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pertaining to the abduction of innocent persons for extortion reported in the Capital during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the accused involved in those cases have been arrested **and** if so, in how many cases and in how many cases the victims had **been** saved from the clutches of abductors; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the IPC to award death penalty on the persons found involved in such cases and if not, the reasons therefor?